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SUBJ: FRENCH ASSISTANCE FOR POTENTIAL AMERICAN IMMIGRANTS
IN VIETNAM

REF: SINGAPORE 1499

1. REFTEL REPORTS AMEMBASSY SINGAPORE'S INTENTION TO TRANSFER ALL PETITIONS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS FOR PERSONS NOW IN VIETNAM TO THIS POST. WE CONCUR AND BELIEVE CENTRALIZATION OF SUCH RECORDS AT THIS POST DESIRABLE IN VIEW OF FACT THAT THIS EMBASSY HAS CONTINUING CONTACT WITH FRENCH CONSULATE SAIGON THROUGH FRENCH EMBASSY, BANGKOK.

2. PARA (2) REFTEL REQUESTS INFORMATION AS TO WHICH TYPES OF CASES FRENCH WILL ASSIST IN OBTAINING VIETNAM EXIT PERMITS. WE HAVE NOT REPEAT NOT REQUESTED FRENCH TO INTERVENE ON BEHALF OF INDIVIDUALS IN EFFORT TO FACILITATE ISSUANCE VIETNAMESE EXIT PERMITS. IN ACKNOWLEDGING RECEIPT OF PETITIONS U.S. RESIDENT PETITIONERS ARE ADVISED INTER ALIA AS FOLLOWS:

" IF YOU ARE IN CONTACT WITH (NAME), YOU MAY WISH TO INFORM HIM THAT AN APPROVED PETITION IS ON FILE WITH THE AMERICAN
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EMBASSY IN BANGKOK. YOU SHOULD INFORM HIM AT THE SAME TIME THAT IT IS NOW HIS RESPONSIBILITY TO PURSUE THE MATTER OF EXIT PERMITS AND LAISSER-PASSERS WITH THE APPROPRIATE VIETNAMESE AND FRENCH OFFICIALS."

3. BECAUSE OF FRENCH MANPOWER LIMITATIONS IN SAIGON AND THE DELICATE NATURE OF INTERVENTIONS WITH VIETNAM ON BEHALF OF

U.S. CASES, AND BECAUSE FRANCE IS NOT FORMALLY SERVING AS PROTECTING POWER ON BEHALF U.S. INTERESTS, WE HAVE ONLY ASKED THE FRENCH EMBASSY HERE TO AUTHORIZE THEIR SAIGON CONSULATE TO ISSUE LAISSER-PASSER IF AND WHEN PERSONS NOTIFIED TO THE FRENCH BY US REQUEST SUCH A DOCUMENT FROM THE CONSULATE.

4. BECAUSE OF THE LIKELIHOOD OF SUCCESS IN ANY ONE CASE THROUGH THE "FRENCH CONNECTION" HERE IN BANGKOK IS REMOTE, WE BELIEVE U.S. RESIDENT PETITIONERS ARE BEST ADVISED TO PURSUE ISSUE OF FAMILY REUNIFICATION THROUGH MULTIPLICITY OF CHANNELS, INCLUDING AMERICAN RED CROSS.
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